



# OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AMBASSADOR POSITION DESCRIPTION



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Arizona OHV Ambassador program is a recently developed volunteer program that provides a means for private citizens to work with a variety of federal, state, and local land managers and public safety officials in Arizona to promote responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on public, state, and private lands. These volunteers contribute their time, experience, and local knowledge of OHV areas in Arizona by monitoring public lands in groups of two or more on motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility vehicles (UTVs), or 4x4 vehicles; conducting special projects (e.g., fence repair, clean-ups), and distributing informational material at high use OHV sites. Through monitoring efforts volunteers provide a positive image of their recreation activity, and identify road, trail, and other resource issues to enhance OHV areas in Arizona. OHV Ambassadors receive training from professional training representatives and serve as a point of contact for other OHV users to obtain helpful and informative information about the trails they ride.

## AMBASSADOR QUALIFICATIONS

### **OHV Ambassadors Must:**

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Be able to operate an OHV responsibly and safely.
- Be an experienced rider who is able to navigate roads and trails of varying difficulty level and length.
- Own a maintained, “**street legal**” (highway legal/ licensed) vehicle suitable for OHV roads and trails.
- Complete and keep current all required Ambassador training.
- Be able to walk over uneven terrain.
- Be able to lift at least 30 pounds.
- Wear personal protective equipment as required by the Land Management Agencies, including **full-face helmets** on all ATVs, Motorcycles and UTV's.
- **Agree NOT to carry any sort of Firearm** during an OHV Ambassador event.

## BASIC OHV AMBASSADOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote responsible recreation use in Arizona by modeling appropriate OHV safety and behavior.
- Assist land management agencies in monitoring the areas, roads, trails, and facilities used by the public.
- Provide a recognizable presence on motorized routes and at OHV facilities used by the public.
- Promote land stewardship by participating in site improvements and small projects. Projects may include installing kiosks, trail maintenance, trash clean ups, and more.
- Distribute and communicate information about responsible OHV use and agency policies to casual OHV users at high-profile public outreach events, OHV staging areas, and on monitoring patrols.

## PATROL AREAS

OHV Ambassadors currently volunteer in three locations:

- Lake Pleasant Area - includes the Bradshaw Foothills area and Table Mesa road, west of the I-17 freeway.
- North Scottsdale Area - includes southwestern portions of the Tonto National Forest (Cave Creek Ranger District, Desert Vista).
- Florence Junction Area - includes Desert Wells Multi-Use Area and the BLM portion of the Middle Gila Canyons area.
- Other Areas as Assigned- depending on Land Management Agencies requests and projects.

## EXPERIENCE

Anyone who is able to provide their own Off-Highway Vehicle transportation that is street legal/licensed and can volunteer as an OHV Ambassador, provided they are willing to abide by the OHV Ambassador Code of Conduct. OHV Ambassador volunteers will be recruited and selected without regard to race, creed, religion, age, sex, color, national origin or disability.

*Applications are being accepted on an on-going basis. Next training date is October 24, 2009.*

## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of OHV do you own? (check all that apply): ☐ 4x4 ☐ ATV ☐ Motorcycle ☐ UTV

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your OHV "street legal" (highway legal/ licensed)? ☐ Y ☐ N

If no, are you willing to make it street legal? ☐ Y ☐ N

Years of experience operating your OHV: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of an OHV Club? ☐ Y ☐ N (list club(s) below):

### TRAINING

**Please check the appropriate boxes below, indicating what current training you have.**

First Aid Certification: ☐ Y ☐ N CPR: ☐ Y ☐ N

ASI ATV Certification: ☐ Y ☐ N (ATV Ambassadors Only)

MSF Dirt Bike Certification: ☐ Y ☐ N (Motorcycle Ambassadors Only)

### EXPERIENCE

**Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

1. Reason(s) for interest in the OHV Ambassador Program:

2. Describe your trail experience and any other skills that may be applicable to this position (e.g., OHV skill level, mechanic, carpentry, welding, public contacts, etc).

3. Explain why you feel it is necessary to inform and educate OHV users.

4. Describe your experience in working with the public and/or making public contacts (can be from non-OHV experiences such as work or school).

5. Can you perform the basic OHV Ambassador functions as listed in the position description?  
☐ Y ☐ N (please describe any limitations below).

#### AVAILABILITY

1. How many days during the three seasons listed below are you available for volunteer service?

September – December	January – April	May – August
<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 6

2. What days of the week are you available?

☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

3. What is your preferred patrol area(s)? (check all that apply).

- ☐ Lake Pleasant Area  
☐ North Scottsdale/Cave Creek Area  
☐ Florence Junction Area  
☐ Other Areas as Assigned

4. Are you a year round Arizona resident? ☐ Y ☐ N (list unavailable months/dates:) \_\_\_\_\_

#### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- I certify that all statements contained herein are true and complete whether made by me or by others at my request.
- I authorize Arizona State Parks or a partnering agency to verify education and training information provided on this application.
- I authorize the State of Arizona to check my driving record and proof of insurance.
- I understand that this application is subject to a criminal violation and record check.
- I release the State of Arizona and all providers of information from any liability as a result of furnishing and receiving any information related to the State Parks OHV Ambassador Program selection process.
- I understand that as an Ambassador I will NOT carry a FIREARM at any OHV Ambassador events.
- I will wear appropriate safety gear as required by the Land Management Agencies.

I understand that any verbal or written statement that is false, fraudulent or misleading that is contained in this application, attached materials, or made in the course of any related process, can result in rejection of my application, denial of volunteer service, or dismissal from volunteer service if discovered after volunteer service begins.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RETURN TO BLM:

Bureau of Land Management  
Attn: OHV Ambassador Coordinator  
21605 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85027  
Fax 623-580-5623  
Phone: 623-580-5512  
[www.azstateparks.com/OHV](http://www.azstateparks.com/OHV)

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Contacted \_\_\_\_\_  
Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis. All applicants will be notified by September 24, 2009 regarding their acceptance into the October 24, 2009 mandatory OHV Ambassador training.